

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TULSA, OKLAHOMA,

scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 4:00 P.M. in Room 411, One Technology Center, 175 E. 2nd St., Fourth Floor, Tulsa, OK, to transact all business as set out in Notice and Agenda posted in the Office of City Clerk, One Technology Center, 175 E. 2nd St., Room 260, Tulsa, OK on Friday, January 10, 2025, at 3:48 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lakin called the meeting to order at 4:03 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Hall-Harper	Present	Bengel	Present
Archie	Present	Decter Wright	Absent
Dutton	Present	Lakin	Present
Bellis	Present	Bush	Present
Gilbert	Present		
Present:		8	
Absent:		1	

Councilor Decter Wright arrived at 4:42 P.M.

STAFF PRESENT

Jack Blair, City Attorney
Sarah Davis, Council Administrator
Lori Doring, Secretary to the Council

2. Pre-meeting discussion of updates, anticipated activities and processes to be followed on items listed on the Agenda of the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for this evening at 5:00 P.M. as posted with the City Clerk, including but not limited to new back-up materials, requested changes in the agenda order and other possible changes or additions (other than discussion, no action will be taken).

Discussion ensued.

3. Discussion, consideration and possible approval, adoption, denial, amendment or revision of a proposed amendment to Council Rules and Order of Business, Rule XX, “Opening Prayer for Council Meetings” by amending the title to “Moment of Silence”, establishing rules for the moment of silence, and deleting provisions related to the opening prayer. (Bellis) [CC 1/15/25] 25-44-1

Councilor Bellis spoke. Discussion ensued.

Councilor Bellis moved to update Council Rules and Order of Business, Rule XX, “Opening Prayer for Council Meetings” by amending the title to “Moment of Silent Prayer or Personal Reflection” and honor previously scheduled invocations through May 21, 2025. Councilor Dutton seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Hall-Harper	Yea	Bengel	Abstain
Archie	Yea	Decter Wright	Yea
Dutton	Yea	Lakin	Yea
Bellis	Yea	Bush	Yea
Gilbert	Yea		

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstentions: 1

Motion carried.

4. Weekly update from the Council Administrator, or her designee, on Council Office administration, staffing, resources, schedules, and events. Note: This item will contain an update on preparations for the 2025 Mayor/Council Retreat. Other than discussion, no action will be taken.

Council Administrator Sarah Davis discussed upcoming Council Office events and the Mayor/Council retreat. Marissa Gomez, Project Manager, provided an update on the upcoming Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade.

5. Discussion with Council Staff regarding the Special Event process and available resources. [CC 1/15/25] 25-6-1

Marissa Gomez, Project Manager, spoke. Discussion ensued.

6. Adjournment.

Chair Lakin adjourned the meeting at 4:55 P.M.

Phil Lakin, Jr., Chair of the Council

Lori Doring, Secretary to the Council